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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Meeting Announcement: North American Wetlands Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

DATES: *Council Meeting:* December 6, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For deadlines and directions on registering to attend, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see “Public Input” under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 1133 15th St NW, 11th Floor 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Kreger, Acting Council Coordinator, by phone at (703) 358-1784; by email at *dbhc@fws.gov*; or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP 4075, Arlington, VA 22203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended; NAWCA), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council)—a State-private-Federal group—meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission).

Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at

<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/Standard/US/Overview.shtm>.

Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Meeting

The Council will consider U.S. standard grant proposals at the meeting announced in DATES. The Commission will consider the Council's recommendations at its meeting tentatively scheduled for March 7, 2012.

Public Input

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Coordinator (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than
Attend the meeting	November 22, 2011
Submit written information or questions before the meeting for the council to consider during the meeting	November 22, 2011
Give an oral presentation during the meeting	November 22, 2011

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the public meeting. If you wish to submit a written statement, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this meeting, you must contact the Council Coordinator by the date above. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via

email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation at the meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator by the date above, in writing (preferably via email; see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT), to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit written statements to the Council within 30 days following the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at the address under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, and posted at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/CouncilAct.shtm#CouncilMeet> within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

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